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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENTS SEPT 23 AS REPORTED BY TANJUG:

2. QUOTE AT HIS REGULAR PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN SECRETARIAT'S SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED AS AN INVENTION THE ASSOCIATED PRESS INFORMATION THAT THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED OF WASHINGTON TO WITHDRAW THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE, SILBERMAN.

3. IN ANSWERING A QUESTION ON THE PRESSURE BEING PLACED ON YUGOSLAVIA BY THE PRESS AND CERTAIN QUARTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND AUSTRIA, THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT "THE PRESSURE IS SOMETIMES STRONGER, AND SOMETIMES WEAKER, ALL DEPENDING ON THE POLITICAL INTENTIONS AND THE SOURCE FROM WHICH IT IS COMING. OUR RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES ARE, OTHERWISE, BASED ON WELL-KNOWN PRINCIPLES AND FOUNDATIONS".
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4. ASKED WHETHER THESE PRESSURES HAVE AFFECTED RELATIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT "ALTHOUGH THEY (PRESSURES) CANNOT BUT BE REFLECTED ON OUR RELATIONS, THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT WILL ENDEAVOUR TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING COMPREHENSIVE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. THESE RELATIONS ARE IN THE ESSENCE DEVELOPING SUCCESSFULLY IN MANY FIELDS. NATURALLY, YUGOSLAV-UNITED STATES RELATIONS ARE PRESSED BY THE FACT THAT TERRORIIST ACTS AGAINST YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES HAVE FOR YEARS BEEN TAKING PLACE ON THE UNITED STATES TERRITORY AND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS BEING TOLERATED, AND THE ANTI-YUGOSLAV ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF CERTAIN SMALL FASCIST, EMIGRE GROUPS EVEN SPURRED BY SOME.

5.COMMENTING ON THE FACT THAT THE PART OF THE FOREIGN PRESS WHICH LAUNCHED INFORMATION ON "CARLOS" STAY IN YUGOSLAVIA DID NOT DEEM IT NECESSARY TO INFORM ITS READERS ALSO OF THE OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV DENIAL OF THIS INFORMATION, THE YUGOSLAV FEDERAL SECRETARIAT'S SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HE SEES IN THIS "A FURTHER ARGUMENT INDICATING THAT THE 'CARLOS. CASE INVOLVES A PLANNED ACTION IN THE SERVICE OF CERTAIN POLITICAL-PROPAGANDA GOALS AIMED AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AND POSITION OF YUGOSLAVIA UNQUOTE. SILBERMAN

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